

Senate Resolution 230

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Hooks of the 14th and Golden of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Easter Seals Southern Georgia; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, a mother from Albany, Georgia, Mrs. Mildred Huie worked diligently in 1956
3 to coordinate her community to establish Easter Seals Southern Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Easter Seals Southern Georgia began as the only medical rehabilitation center
5 for the region and remained so for many years; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Dr. John Meier served as the first medical director for the organization, and,
7 following his untimely death, Connie Meier and John Meier II served the organization as
8 president of the board of directors; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 1982 with help from Senator Al Holloway, Easter Seals Southern Georgia
10 established a vocational training program aimed at helping people with disabilities become
11 productive, contributing citizens; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1993 Easter Seals Southern Georgia became one of the first respite care
13 programs in the state and is now the largest provider of services to children and adults with
14 disabilities in Georgia; and
- 15 WHEREAS, since 1993 Easter Seals Southern Georgia has successfully submitted and
16 received over \$4 million in funding from the United States Department of Housing and
17 Urban Development for the construction of affordable, accessible housing for young adults
18 with disabilities; and
- 19 WHEREAS, in 2004 Easter Seals Southern Georgia established "Megan's House" and
20 replicated this unique respite home for children with disabilities in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, Easter Seals Southern Georgia provides exceptional services, ensuring all
2 people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live,
3 learn, work, and play in their communities, and served over 2,200 individuals during 2006;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Easter Seals Southern Georgia is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2007.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 congratulate and recognize Easter Seals Southern Georgia for its tremendous contributions
8 to the special needs community in Georgia.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Easter Seals Southern Georgia.